

(MR. SPEAKER)

informed that there is considerable dissatisfaction. I really do not know. It is said that a large number of members of the Opposition feel that they are not being given opportunities to participate in the debate and place their views before the House. I do not know. I think I have given proportionately greater opportunities for the Opposition and if Hon'ble Members want to participate in the debate regardless of Party, they should say so. Because, I really feel hurt when Hon'ble Members of the House say like that. There is no point in my going away from the House. If the Members are desirous I would certainly try to accommodate as much as possible.

May I know how many more Members are desirous of participating in this debate on Agriculture and animal husbandry?

(Four or five Hon'ble Members stood up.) One suggestion I want to make. I can genuinely appreciate the keen desire of Hon'ble members to participate. But the Hon'ble Members also should co-operate with me. Suppose I suggest that we sit in the morning—I am prepared to sit the whole day both in the morning and in evening. If the Members are not willing to co-operate, it would not be possible for me to accommodate. But there will be two points. One is quorum. If there is no quorum, and if any member brings it to my notice, I will have to take action as per rules; otherwise I will allow the debate; and secondly, there should be no division. If this suggestion is acceptable, I shall have to persuade the Ministers to agree to this arrangement.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA (Sira).—This is a matter we have to consider, Sir. If there are no compelling reasons, why should the Speaker suggest that we should sit morning and evening.

Mr. SPEAKER.—There is no compulsion on the part of the Speaker. The usual period I will keep. But this kind of request should not come to me. I am not mentioning the name. If I read one sentence more, I find that he wants to participate in the discussion

on almost all on the demands. He says that it is the feeling of the Opposition. He seems to reflect the opinion of many. But it seems there is no need for us to sit in the morning. We will keep regular hours.

Sri S. SHIVAPPA.—Sir, most of the important Demands have been left over. As you suggested, either we have to extend the debate or the days.....

Mr. SPEAKER.—Extending the number of days is not possible, because the Appropriation Bill has to be passed.

Sri S. SHIVAPPA.—We should either sit extra hours or extend the number of days. If extension is not possible the only alternative we have is to sit either in the morning or at night. Otherwise, many Demands will have to be guillotined.

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA (Chief Minister).—The Members should be brief. The my be asked to be brief and not repeat. That is the most practical way.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The consensus of opinion seems to be that there is no need to sit for extra hours in the morning and evening. I shall try to accommodate as many Members as possible within the time at my disposal.

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—We will consider this in the Business Advisory Committee meeting.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Having regard to the trends prevailing, it appears there is no need extend the discussion so far as Agriculture is concerned.

Sri B. HUTCHE COWDA (Turuvekere).—I have not spoken on the Demand, Sir.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I am aware of it. But till we find a solution to the problem, we cannot do anything.

Sri S. SHIVAPPA.—We have agreed to sit during extended hours.

Mr. SPEAKER.—It is no use my agreeing with you. The entire House must agree. Sri Narayana Gowda will now begin his reply.